Mirror Lake road: Reflections of fall

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KAMAS — It's a sign of the season. When carloads of Utahns flock to the mountains in late September and early October, you know that autumn, once again, has come of age.

Utahns are lucky enough to have a wide variety of mountain roads to choose from. In fact, it would be hard to go wrong. Just head for the hills. Among the more popular, however, are the Alpine Loop, the Mt. Nebo Loop, Logan Canyon, Boulder Highway, in southern Utah, and the Mirror Lake Road, which eases you over the west end of the Uintas, past numerous alpine lakes and mountain meadows, into the luxurious ranch country of southwestern Wyoming. Here golden aspens shimmer above drying fields of grain.

The Mirror Lake Road gives you scenery that's easy on the eyes and air that's easy on the lungs.

If you're not content to sit and watch the scenery go by, don't worry. There's more to do here than that. Stop at any of the scenic overlooks along the way, including the Provo River Overlook, the Slate Gorge Overlook, and the Provo River Falls Overlook (my favorite), or go fishing or hiking.

The Mirror Lake Highway is an easy day's drive from Kamas to Evanston and back to Salt Lake via I-80. I recommend taking the Browns Canyon Road into Peoa, Oakley and then Kamas. It is a short-cut, and you'll find little, if any, traffic. The Browns Canyon Road takes off to the northeast

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Estonia, Tallinn will keep you pleasantly occupied for the duration of your visit. There is much to see and experience in this charming ancient city.

Each part of the city has its own enchanting medieval churches, guilds, monasteries and other buildings surrounded by immense stone walls and towers. What's most interesting is that people still reside in every nook and cranny of this "living museum." That is, it's the best preserved "living" medieval city in northern Europe.

The best time to visit Tallinn is in late June or early July when you can bask in the "midnight sun." Also try to go during a year when the Festival of Song is being held. The next one will take place in July 1990. You won't believe the enormity of this national event. (See related story on page 4.)

I would suggest you take at least two or three full days to experience "old" Tallinn. Walk up to Toompea Hill and see the ancient citadel with its gigantic Pikk Herman (Tall Herman) tower. Visit Dome Church (formerly reserved for nobility) and the very colorful Russian Orthodox Church on the hill. Walk along the upper fortress wall and observe the lower city below and the harbor. Next get immersed in the lower city. Enter through the Viru Gate and turn right and follow the ancient wall around the city until you get back where you started from.

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